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STOLL STILL RIDING HIGH

The Stanley Cup celebrations continue for Saskatchewan's Jarret Stoll, right, and his Los Angeles Kings teammates. Trevor Lewis, left, Brad Richardson and Stoll wave from atop a bus during a parade celebrating the team's championship in Los Angeles on Thursday. In a Metro story Wednesday, it was revealed that Stoll is bringing the cup home to the province, but he does not know when.

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Drake denies role

Hip-hop artist's people claim star is not responsible for a gash on Chris Brown's face following a nightclub brawl PAGE 15

Torres dashes Irish hope

Spain's striker Fernando Torres scores in each half, giving Spain a 4-0 win over Ireland and eliminating the Irish from Euro 2012 PAGE 17

Sleepless over budget bill

Weary MPs push through marathon voting session on 871 opposition motions PAGE 6

Pride colours fly high in Queen City

Spirit. Pride's rainbow flag will be raised at the legislative building Monday, kick-starting week-long celebrations

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Regina's Pride Week will launch on Monday and organizers say this year's festivities promise to make it the biggest one yet.

The Queen City Pride Festival will run from Monday at 6 p.m., when a rainbow flag will be raised at the legislative building, until the closing ceremonies on June 24, which will feature a vigil and a barbeque at the GCLR on Broad Street.

The main event will take place on June 23, when an estimated 1,000 people will take to the streets to support of the LGBT community in the pride parade.

"The parade kicks off at noon and that is followed by live entertainment downtown and a beer garden and children's area," said Jesse Ireland, secretary of the 2012 Queen City Pride Festival. "It is a way for the community to get together and share their stories, share successes and failures. Pretty much it is a way to show support for one another."

The pride parade has a long history in Regina.

"There have been rallies and marches since the late '70s and '80s, and the first organized parade was (in) 1990," said Ireland. "There are people (in Regina) who have been in the LGBT community for decades and there are people who are new to the community.

"We are fully accepting of anyone no matter their sexuality, gender, race or religion. Dress up in your crazy clothing if you want, dress up in your everyday clothing if you want."

Ireland said the parade is significant because it is a chance to bring some important issues to the forefront.

"Equality and rights have always been an ongoing issue. Fortunately for Canadians, we don't have as much in terms of discrimination as other nations.

"It is about growing that acceptance and growing that understanding and acknowledgment about the community; to show that we do exist and there is nothing wrong with us."

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Saskatchewan's little-known Imperial Sovereign Court

Gay pride. One of the world's oldest LGBT organizations gives back to the community

JANE CAULFIELD
Metro in Saskatoon

When Jose Sarria was crowned queen of the Beaux Arts Ball in San Francisco in 1964 and declared that he, in drag, was "Empress of San Francisco," he inadvertently started something that would have an impact on the international LGBT community for generations.

Sarria's declaration was the foundation for the International Imperial Court System (ICS), one of the oldest and largest gay organizations in the world.

"We all know we're men in dresses, but we're men in dresses raising money for a cause," said Simone DuVall of Saskatoon, who was reigning empress in 2009-10.

The ICS is known for hosting lavish balls that raise money for local charities. There are nearly 70 member courts in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

The member court in Saskatchewan is known as the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Golden Wheat Sheaf Empire. It hosts a ball every year in Regina that attracts members of the LGBT community from across Canada.

"It is our opportunity to give back to our community," DuVall said. "Every year the reigning emperor and empress get to pick their own charities. We do give to Regina Palliative Care every year, though."

DuVall said the ICS has seen a good deal of support in Saskatchewan.

"There have been a few organizations who have not wanted to work with us, but, really, who doesn't want free money? Most organizations have been very grateful."

Discussing this year's pride festivities, DuVall said Saskatchewan has the biggest heart.

"I see such a strong sense of community. But it's important to take a step back to remember what it was like 15 years ago, 20 years ago. I'm proud to be a part of something bigger."

This year's emperor and empress are Regina's Bruce and Avaughna Sanoir.

Quoted

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Simone DuVall

Regina pride

- In the year of Simone DuVall's reign, 2009-10, the court handed over $27,000 to several Saskatchewan charities.
- This year's pride parade is on June 23.

Simone DuVall, shown at last year's pride parade, was the reigning empress of Saskatchewan in 2009-10. The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Golden Wheat Sheaf Empire is a member of the International Imperial Court System, an LGBT organization that hosts galas to raise money for charity. CONTRIBUTED

Saskatchewan Roughriders fans weigh in: How do you feel about the Riders' 44-10 loss to the B.C. Lions?

"I know it is supposed to be about evaluating players, but it was still disappointing to watch them lose. I think they did a good job of evaluating the defence, but not so much the offence because they never got much of a chance to."
Patrick Andrews

"It was pretty depressing. You can't take it too seriously, though — it was just a pre-season game. I think they saw what the rookies had to offer and that is what they wanted."
Aaron Norton

"It was a pre-season game so they were giving a lot of the players opportunity to show themselves and maybe make the team. B.C. played a lot of their regulars and they played really, really well."
Jim Kostal

"They'll be OK. They were missing a lot of starters and trying guys out, pretty basic schemes, but they'll be fine. A couple guys looked good, I guess, but most of them didn't. I liked Kory Sheets and a couple of the receivers."
Darren Kuski

"It is just too bad. I know a lot of the starters weren't there, and the B.C. starters were playing because it was a home game. You can't count them out yet.
Tash Kuski

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On the web

Cat haters, rejoice

The Canadian Transportation Agency has ordered Air Canada, Air Canada Jazz and WestJet airlines to do more to keep passengers with cat (but not dog) allergies far from travelling felines. Go to metronews.ca to find out why fur won't be flying anymore.

Mobile news

When Nik Wallenda steps out onto a cable on Friday, he will carry with him the hopes (and prayers) of daredevil enthusiasts from around the world. Scan the code to watch Wallenda's walk across Niagara Falls live later Friday.

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Premier touts scholarship

Education. Premier visits high school to encourage students to stay in the province after graduation with the help of new scholarship program

DORIAN GEIGER
Metro in Saskatoon

Premier Brad Wall visited Saskatoon's Mount Royal Collegiate on Thursday to discuss the new Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship (SAS) program, originally announced in May.

The SAS program will curb rising tuition costs for Grade 12 graduates who enroll at a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution with up to $500 annually up to a maximum of $2,000 over 10 years.

The SAS applies to a multitude of post-secondary institutions in the province.

The premier used his education platform to encourage students to stay in the province.

"For you to stay here, we know you need a job and need an opportunity when you graduate," he said. "And over the next 10 to 15 years, Saskatchewan will need between 75,000 and 90,000 skilled workers to meet the demands of the labour market."

Wall's words resonated with Grade 12 student Tyler Rohachuk, who was excited by the announcement of 10,000 jobs being created in Saskatoon alone.

"I didn't know about all of the workers we needed in Saskatoon. It just shows what we have here," said the 17-year-old.

An aspiring machinist, Rohachuk plans on attending Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology in Saskatoon.

The high cost of post-secondary tuition worries Rohachuk. He thinks the SAS is a positive initiative.

"I think it's very good. It helps out a lot, especially with SIAST's prices."

Wall commended former Mount Royal Collegiate student and University of Saskatchewan basketball star Michael Linklater for his achievements in the province's sporting community and the education sector.

Linklater was also pleased with the SAS program.

"It's a great opportunity for the kids who are graduating this year. It was great to be a part of this and it's good to see this program up and running," said Linklater.

Wall estimated that 8,450 high school and GED graduates will benefit annually from the SAS program.

Follow Dorian Geiger on Twitter @dgiegs

School days

In his speech to a cafeteria full of students and teachers, Premier Brad Wall joked about his senior high school year.

- "You're probably not going to forget some of things that happen over the next two weeks," he said. "We graduated a long, long time ago — in the 1930s or something — and I still remember that."

Premier Brad Wall speaks to students and teachers about the new Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship during a speech at Mount Royal Collegiate in Saskatoon on Thursday. DORIAN GEIGER/METRO IN SASKATOON

Victim ID'd in train collision

An RCMP photo of the accident scene. CONTRIBUTED

A Roman Catholic priest has been identified as the victim in a fatal collision in Macoun.

On June 10, 43-year-old Father Joel Rama of Estevan was driving along a main road in the small community when his vehicle crossed train tracks and was struck by an oncoming train.

First responders, RCMP and EMS attended after Rama sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision.

He was transported to a hospital in Weyburn before being flown to a hospital in Regina by Stars Air Ambulance.

Rama was treated but died from his injuries Thursday morning.

According to the RCMP, the intersection where the collision occurred is marked with railroad crossing signs and the train lights and whistles were functioning properly prior to the accident.

The incident remains under investigation but charges are not expected.

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2 years in jail

Hockey mom sentenced for sex with teens

A Saskatchewan hockey mom has been sentenced to two years behind bars for sexual encounters with three 14-year-old boys.

Kelley Minogue of Warman, a town north of Saskatoon, earlier pleaded guilty to the offences in December 2010.

Court heard the divorced 37-year-old woman hosted drinking parties for the boys, all hockey players. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wildfire assistance

Saskatchewan planes help out

Saskatchewan firefighting aircraft have headed south to help battle wildfires in the United States that have forced people from their homes.

Three Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment planes are to work with the U.S. Forest Service for 10 to 14 days.

A pair of Convair 580A air tankers and one Turbo Commander birddog aircraft, along with eight crew members, left for Boise, Idaho, on Wednesday.

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Fun in the sun at weekend art bazaar

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MPs lose sleep over budget bill

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

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Conservative MP Jim Flaherty

Liberal MP Justin Trudeau

Dishevelled MPs appear in the House of Commons around the halfway point of a 24-hour voting spree on proposed amendments to the omnibus bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parliament Hill.
Flaherty accuses NDP of stalling as opposition gets comfortable for marathon voting session

The two sleep-deprived sides of the House of Commons kept vigilant watch on each other Thursday as bleary-eyed MPs stood up and sat down over and over again, their 24-hour marathon voting session pushing past the halfway mark.

"I've got to get myself comfy — off come the shoes," said New Democrat MP Glenn Thibeault, describing one of the many ways MPs sought comfort heading through the 12th hour of voting on more than 800 amendments to Bill C-38.

Members of Parliament methodically bobbed from their seats through the night and into the afternoon as they voted on 871 opposition motions that are designed to thwart, or at least publicize, the Harper government's sprawling omnibus budget-implementation bill.

Liberal House leader Marc Garneau's best guess for when the voting would finally be over? Likely 1 a.m. Friday morning, he said — 24 hours after it began.

The long haul seemed to have taken a toll on Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. Flaherty was waspish in his comments about the opposition's efforts to delay passage of his budget bill.

"This is not a time for gamesmanship," Flaherty said.

"This is a serious time in which we need to protect Canada and advance our economic agenda ... and we'll do whatever we have to do today and tonight and in the early hours of tomorrow morning to get the job done."

NDP House leader Nathan Cullen had tried to win unanimous consent to hold question period at the regular time, only to be shouted down from the government benches.

Flaherty was scornful of Cullen's gambit, saying the NDP wasted several hours before voting even began and were deliberately taking their time getting to their feet during each individual vote.

Cullen, meanwhile, wasn't surprised his motion for question period was shouted down.

"The government doesn't really like question period all that much," he said. "Something about being held to account."

The legislation contains a bewildering maze of changes to dozens of statutes. Critics say such omnibus bills amount to a massive abuse of Parliament — an argument a young Stephen Harper once made with some conviction as a backbench Reform MP. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter

What was on the minds of some of the MPs during the marathon voting session, shared via Twitter:

@MarcGarneau
The smell of bacon is wafting into the House of Commons. I remain focused like a laser #BudgetFAIL #C38 #LPC

@MeganLeslieMP
Slipped out a few votes ago to brush my teeth. I'm a new woman! #omnibudget, watch out.

@KyleSeeback
Just got permission from the whip for an unplanned bathroom break. Let the good times roll!

@ElizabethMay
So cool to have @Sarah Harmer in the gallery to encourage the fight against #C38 #cdnpoli

@nathancullen
Min of Immigration just dumped water on the laptop of the Min of Immigration. Either tense or clumsy.

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Secret files kept by Boy Scouts ordered released

Scouts tried to keep them private. Court in the U.S. says use of the files in a molestation suit makes them part of the public record

A court in the U.S. has approved the release of so-called "perversion files" compiled by the Boy Scouts of America on suspected child molesters within the organization over two decades.

This will give the public its first chance to review the files on 1,200 people.

The files gathered from 1965 to 1985 came to light when they were used as evidence in a landmark Oregon ruling in 2010 that the Scouts had failed to protect a plaintiff who had been molested by an assistant scoutmaster in the early 1980s.

The Scouts were ordered to pay the man $18.5 million US.

The case drew attention to the organization's efforts to keep child molesters out of its leadership ranks.

In recent years, the Boy Scouts have faced numerous lawsuits from men who say they were molested as children by scout leaders.

The Boy Scouts fought to keep the files sealed, arguing that opening them could unfairly affect those who were suspected but never convicted of abuse.

Media organizations challenged the Scouts' efforts to keep the files under seal, arguing that their introduction by attorneys in the suit makes them public record. A judge agreed.

The files are part of a larger trove of documents the Boy Scouts began compiling several decades ago on people flagged as possible molesters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Perversion files'

20K

The 20,000-page files contain accusations against scout leaders that ranged from child abuse to lesser offences.

An American court has approved the release of 20,000 pages of files compiled by the Boy Scouts of America over 20 years. DON RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa. Mom of suspected pimp fears daughter's death

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Ottawa

The mother of a 17-year-old pimping suspect Ottawa police are searching for says she is also trying to find her daughter, who she fears has been killed.

"Either she went into hiding or she has been killed. That is what I want to know. Where is my daughter? Are the police of Ottawa doing their job?" the woman said when reached by phone Thursday.

Police allege the woman's daughter and two 15-year-olds forced three teen girls into prostitution. The 15-year-olds are in custody facing serious charges including assault and human trafficking.

Police have not yet released the 17-year-old's name to the public, though under the Youth Criminal Justice Act they may apply for permission to temporarily release her name in order to find her.

"If the police were doing their job they would have found where my daughter is," the woman said. "She is just a child.

"What does she eat? Where does she sleep?" she asked. "(Name withheld) is a little girl. I lost my little girl. She is a nice girl. She is not mentally ill. She is not a crackhead."

The woman said her daughter "hasn't done anything" but is being "blamed" by the police.

The woman, who cannot be named, suggested Quebec police are also searching for her daughter and said they are doing a better job.

"F— you for the police. F— you for the journalist," she said.

Raids

Suspected British pedophiles nabbed

British police raided homes and properties of dozens of suspected pedophiles — including a retired teacher and a scout leader. Cops executed 141 warrants for offences relating to the possession and distribution of indecent images of children. Also among those arrested were a referee, a pathologist and a firefighter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ex-tycoon sentenced to 110 years in prison

Former jet-setting Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford, whose financial empire once spanned the Americas, was sentenced Thursday to 110 years in prison for bilking investors out of more than $7 billion US over 20 years in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in U.S. history.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner handed down the sentence during a court hearing in which two people spoke on behalf of Stanford's investors.

Prosecutors had asked that Stanford be sentenced to 230 years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rogers

Cable technicians going on strike Friday: Union

The union representing 200 technicians who service Rogers Communications Inc. customers in Ontario say they will go on strike on Friday at 8 a.m.

The workers, represented by the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, are employed by Dependable Home Tech (DHT) and Intek Communications Inc.

The union has said one of the key issues is that employees are paid on a piece-work system, which creates financial instability. The union accused both Intek and DHT of refusing to bargain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RIM pays former co-CEOs $12M

Research in Motion. BlackBerry maker giving ex-leader Jim Balsillie $8M and Mike Lazaridis, who remains on the RIM board, $4M

Former Research in Motion co-CEOs Jim Balsillie, left, and Mike Lazaridis talk to media after an Ontario Securities Commission hearing in Toronto in 2009. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The former co-CEOs of BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion will receive a combined $12 million in payouts for leaving their roles at the struggling company.

In a document filed with securities regulators on Thursday, ahead of the company's annual meeting in July, RIM outlined the details of what each former executive receives.

Jim Balsillie will be paid nearly $8 million in salary and other compensation after stepping down as leader in January and leaving the company two months later.

Mike Lazaridis, who remains a member of the board, will be paid about $4 million in salary and compensation under the condition that he will "continue to make himself reasonably available" to help the company in the future.

The deal also gives Lazaridis his own office, executive assistant, as well as a car and driver for two years, at a combined value of about $733,000.

RIM says in the filings that Balsillie and Lazaridis "revolutionized the worldwide wireless industry with the introduction of the BlackBerry and forever changed how the world communicates."

The company has seen its stock plummet and its financial results significantly weaken in the face of intense competition from the rival Apple iPhone and devices using Google's Android operating system.

In January, RIM promoted Thorsten Heins to the leadership role, a position that is earning him $10.2 million for the company's 2012 financial year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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TSX 11,466.42 (-31.45)

OIL $83.91 US (+$1.29)

GOLD $1,619.60 US (+20¢)

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.com. Big brands targeting domain-name suffixes

Amazon.com wants ".joy," Google wants ".love" and L'Oreal wants ".beauty."

Big brands are behind hundreds of proposals for new Internet addresses, including scores for generic terms such as "cruise," ".kids" and ".tires."

If approved, Amazon could use ".author" in an attempt to dominate online book-selling, while Google could use ".love" to collect registration fees from its rivals.

Amazon and Google also are vying for ".app" and ".music," while the wine company Gallo Vineyards Inc. wants ".barefoot."

It's all part of the largest expansion of the Internet address system since its creation in the 1980s, a process likely to cause headaches for some companies while creating vast opportunities for others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The numbers

1,409

There were 1,930 proposals for 1,409 different suffixes. About 100 were for suffixes in non-English characters, including Chinese, Arabic and Thai.

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WALKING A FINE LINE

THE LIST
Mike Benhaim
Metro

1 **Buyer beware:** Céline Dion's 19-acre Île Gagnon retreat is the most expensive property ever listed on the Quebec housing market. The Normandy-style château is listed at almost $30 million, but rumour has it they may trade it straight up for Spain.

2 **Not cool:** Last weekend, an Ontario couple allegedly left their dog in a car with no water in 30 C heat. The dog died, and the owners face a $2,000 fine, six months of jail time, or 18 hours in a sauna.

3 **Tall tales:** Friday, Nik Wallenda will attempt to cross the Niagara Gorge on a tightrope. Offspring of the legendary Flying Wallendas have been bred into death-defying feats for almost two centuries. Despite meticulous training, several have actually been killed or left disabled performing these acts. Someone in my family tripped on their shoelace in 1978, and the rest of us have been wearing loafers ever since. Just sayin'.

4 **Set your PVRs:** CBC's newest reality show will feature auditions to play Dorothy in Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of The Wizard of Oz, which hits Toronto's Ed Mirvish Theatre in December. Girls will compete for a chance to wear the ruby slippers on the cleverly entitled Over the Rainbow, where they will sing (you guessed it) Over the Rainbow. Another innovative gem from our federally funded friends at the CBC.

5 **Dallas:** TNT's revival of one of the most popular '80s shows is a success. With a good-looking new cast and a few originals, there probably won't be a "Who shot J.R.?" cliffhanger this time around. A more likely ending would be "Who slipped J.R. a Viagra?"

6 **Papillon:** A study at Yale University recently revealed that female butterflies preferred males with flashier wings. Erica Westerman, the study's lead author, says, "The male did not have to court them or engage in flashy behaviour. There is a bias in what females learn.... Extra ornamentation is better." Is this a metaphor?

7 **Rock of Ages:** The star-studded film version of the successful play debuts Friday. A safe choice for viewers who enjoy a good soundtrack. As I said two years ago when the play opened, you can expect your "run-of-the-mill, guitar-grinding, drum-thumping, head-banging, cross-gender, glam-metal, '80s rebel-rock." Who among us can't relate to that?

8 **Righteous rockers:** This week in 1964, the Rolling Stones were touring in the U.S. when they were reminded of a show that had been booked a year earlier. The band had to fly back to the U.K. to perform at Oxford's Magdalen College for £100 ($160). Despite increased rates and demand, the gentlemen honoured their obligation. Airfare cost them £2,500 ($4,000).

9 **Three words:** This weekend we pay homage to the men that raised us, taught us right from wrong, picked us up when we fell and snuck us a treat when mom said "No." Some left abruptly and some suffered far too long, but if your dad is around today, pick up the phone and tell him you love him, or head on over and give him a hug. It's better than a tie or that awful cologne, and will last a whole lot longer. Happy Father's Day.

The Rolling Stones CONTRIBUTED

Bare bones of archaeology

VALENTINA PETROVA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

Move over, Dracula

'Vampire' skeleton on display in Bulgaria

A skeleton dating back to the Middle Ages and recently unearthed in the town of Sozopol is displayed at the National History Museum in Sofia, Bulgaria, on Thursday.

Ever since archaeologists announced last week that they had found two ancient skeletons in Bulgaria with iron rods thrust through their chests, the media have been reporting how Bulgarians once did that to prevent the dead from emerging from the grave as vampires. On Saturday, one of those skeletons will be put on display at the National History Museum, and its director, Bozhidar Dimitrov, says he expects there to be a big turnout.

Dimitrov said Thursday that some people who were believed to have led evil lives were treated that way when they were buried in parts of Bulgaria as recently as the beginning of the last century.

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This 700-year-old skeleton was stabbed in the chest with an iron rod and had his teeth pulled before being put to rest. The media have reported that because vampire tales remain popular in Balkan countries, some people in the Black Sea resort of Sozopol, where the skeletons were found in a graveyard, are having trouble sleeping at night.

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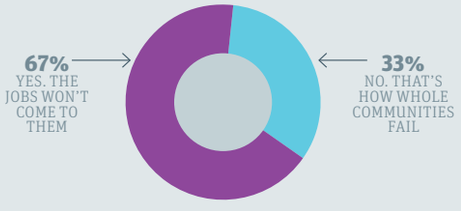

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@sarakellihearn: #golf RT @KLeif18: Lookin' forward to a wild weekend in #YQR. Bringing my party hat and.....That's all! #stagette #engagementparty #whatelse

@FontaineJordan: Who do you think #ridernation will be the next rb with the @sskroughriders my money is on Corey sheets? #yqr #RiderFans #cfl

@juatisask: @SaskSyndicate @scott_janke @Chad4Mayor This is exactly the prob.Ppl in #yqr question nothing so nothing chngs.I wanna know where my $ goes.

@laurafahlman: Just saw a braided goatee. Thanks for that dtown #yqr

@_northwinds: Missed the Chris brown and Drake fight? Go outside and slam a broomstick into a rake. That's about how I imagine it looked. #yqr

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Adam Sandler, right, pretty much rehashes his previous film characters in That's My Boy. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Sandler keeps sinking

That's My Boy. It looks like Adam Sandler has finally gone from tiresome to just embarrassing

Synopsis

Adam Sandler plays Donny Berger, a party animal who, at age 13, engaged in extra-curricular activities with his homeroom teacher. When their lovemaking interrupted the graduation ceremony, she was sent to jail, and he was left to raise their baby Han Solo Berger (Andy Samberg), with disastrous results. Cut to present day. Father and son are estranged, and Donny's glory days are behind him. He needs $43,000 to pay off taxes or he's going to jail. He turns to the one person he knows might have the money, his son, now a wealthy businessman on the eve of getting married.

- Richard:
- Mark:

Richard: Mark, I felt like I witnessed something special tonight. But not special in a good way. Tonight we sat through That's My Boy and I can't help but think that what we saw wasn't so much a movie, but more some kind of performance art where people who should know better do awful things and charge you 10 bucks to watch.

I hope this is some kind of postmodern art project, 'cuz a comedy it ain't. What did you think?

Mark: I didn't laugh, but I didn't expect to. What can you say about a movie that tries to resurrect Vanilla Ice's career, and almost succeeds?

You may call it performance art, but that would only be accurate if someone actually performed in this pastiche. I don't know what irritated me more: Sandler's sketch acting style, Andy Samberg's unfunny, wussy role, the pedophilia and incest motifs, or the desperate, forced "edginess" of the movie. You're right about the movie being "special" — like a train wreck, I couldn't look away. At least I wasn't bored, although I spent a lot of time wishing I were.

RC: I think Adam Sandler has finally turned the corner from tiresome to embarrassing. It's hard to imagine a lazier rehashing of all the man-children he has played in the past.

There's shades of Mr. Deeds, Billy Madison and Happy Gilmore here, all topped off with a grating New England character voice that sounds like a cross between a can opener opening a can of Boston Baked Beans and screeching tires.

MB: I kept asking myself: would this movie be more palatable if Sandler dropped the grating accent? And then I went one step further and recast the role with Steve Carell in the lead and you know what? It would still smell. Richard, you call Sandler's character a lazy rehash, but the whole movie is dripping in '80s and '90s nostalgia — probably the decades when Sandler's comedy made most sense. Can you pick a scene or actor in this mess that stood above the rest of it? Mine would have to be the scene set in the upscale mens' spa.

RC: No one escapes this movie unsullied. Also, what does Adam Sandler have against The Godfather?

First he debases Pacino in Jack & Jill, and now James Caan. It's a good thing Brando is gone.

MB: I just emailed Robert Duvall telling him to watch out. Sandler's obviously working his way down the list.

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Streep gives props to Davis

They may have been Oscar rivals earlier this year, but there's nothing but love between Meryl Streep and Viola Davis. Streep, who ended Davis' awards run for The Help by winning the lead actress Oscar for The Iron Lady, lauded her friend and colleague Tuesday at Women in Film's annual Crystal + Lucy Awards. She called Davis "a lion-hearted woman" and a gifted and determined actress.
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Musical

Rock of Ages

Director. Adam Shankman

Stars. Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin, Russell Brand

Borrowed from Broadway, Rock of Ages takes the '80s hair-band-hit musical and turns it into a celebrity sing-a-long that's as shallow as Poison lyrics. Assembled by Adam Shankman (Hairspray) and featuring Tom Cruise (who can sing!) and Alec Baldwin (who can't), it wedges in a pencil-thin romance between two struggling singers. It aims to be nothin' but a good time, but when Cruise isn't strutting around ambiguously imitating Axl Rose, the story is tediously banal. **STEVE GOW**

Facing Armageddon's a funny thing in Scafaria's new film

Using heroin and orgies. Seeking a Friend for the End of the World finds comedy in how people prepare for their death

STEVE GOW
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Keira Knightley, seated left, and Steve Carell star in the comedy Seeking a Friend for the End of the World. HANDOUT

When Armageddon comes, Lorene Scafaria will likely be found listening to music and dreaming of lost love.

"I'm very much a Penny," admitted the filmmaker about the Keira Knightley character in her new movie Seeking a Friend for the End of the World. "I'd probably be too flaky to get my act together yet I'd want to so badly."

In the apocalyptic comedy, Knightley and Steve Carell pair up as a giant asteroid brings end times to Earth — an event that's apparently not as tragic as it seems.

"Death is surreal," said Scafaria of her comic vision of humanity coping with inevitable catastrophe through everything from doing heroin at dinner parties to destroying property. "I talked to some people who said they would go to work because they wouldn't know where else to go … making decisions on how to spend your last three weeks just always seemed comical to me."

As such, the first-time director has drafted a clever cinematic mash-up between an "end-of-the-world" genre film and a traditional romantic comedy. While it's being released June 22nd — shortly before the Mayan calendar runs out – Scafaria insists the timing of the four-year project is merely coincidental.

"(Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist) was my ninth script and this was No. 18 so there's been a lot of writing (in between)," laughed Scafaria. "It's a really strange thing that you can have sort of a career without a lot of output."

Scafaria also admits the movie "wasn't really given a life until Steve Carell got on board" and that it's his everyman quality that gives Seeking a Friend credibility.

"He's so subtle and charming obviously," said Scafaria. "(But) he's got such a love of humanity in himself and his work that I think most comedians don't bring to the table."

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Battleship (PG) Sat-Sun 1:20-4:50 Mon-Thu 5:55
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (G) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Tue 6:10-9 Wed 1:50-6:10-9 Thu 6:10-9
The Dictator (14A) Fri-Sun 8:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 9
The Hunger Games (PG) Fri 6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-3:20-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:05-8:15
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) No Passes Sat-Sun 12:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (G) No Passes Fri 7:30-9:55 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:40-5-7:30-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40
Marvel's the Avengers (PG) Fri 6:50-10 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:50-10 Mon-Tue 5:10-8:20 Wed 1:20-5:10-8:20 Thu 5:10-8:20
Men in Black 3 (PG) Fri 7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:35-5:10-7:50-10:30 Mon-Tue 6-8:30 Wed 1:30-6-8:30 Thu 6-8:30
Prometheus 3D (14A) No Passes Fri 7:20-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:50-8:40
Rock of Ages (PG) No Passes Fri 7:15-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:40-8:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Snow White & the Huntsman (PG) Fri 7:35-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:20 Mon-Tue 5:25-8:10 Wed 1:40-5:25-8:10 Thu 5:25-8:10
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Blazing Saddles (STC) Sun 1
Chernobyl Diaries (14A) Fri-Sat 8:10 Sun 2 Tue-Thu 8:10
The Iron Giant (STC) Sat 11
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) No Passes Fri 4:40-7:05-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7:05-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:05-9:25
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What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG) Fri-Sat 5:35-10:20 Sun 4:15-10:20 Mon 10:30 Tue-Thu 10:15
WWE: No Way Out (STC) Sun 6

Kramer IMAX Theatre
2903 Powerhouse Dr., 306-522-4629

To the Arctic 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-4:45-7:15 Mon 1-3:30-4:45 Tue-Thu 1-3:30-4:45-7:15
Tornado Alley 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 2:15-6 Mon 2:15 Tue-Thu 2:15-6

Paradise Cinema
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The Hunger Games (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50

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21 Jump Street (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4-6:55-9:40
American Reunion (18A) Fri-Thu 6:40-9:45
Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7-9:25
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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50
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Safe (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55

Regina Public Library Film Theatre
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Sound Check

Heads up hipsters

SOUND CHECK
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One of my downtown Toronto hipster peeps is on the phone. "Where are you off to next?"

"Calgary," I replied. "As soon as NXNE wraps up, I'm heading for the Sled Island (SI) Music and Arts Festival."

"What's that?" my hipster friend sniffed, "Some kind of rodeo?"

"It's Western Canada's largest indie music festival. This is year six."

"Calgary?" he snorted. "You can't be serious. Everyone knows that there's no culture in Calgary, let alone any kind of proper music scene. It's all dirty oil, cowboy hats and horse manure."

Hardly. Tucked in just before the Stampede (which turns 100 this year, by the way), SI's goal to bring some life to the downtown core, a place that can feel very, very empty after office hours. It's also about showcasing all kind of indie culture.

For anyone into indie music, film, art, and comedy, SI is a fantastic place to mix it. Hundreds of bands will play venues ranging from Olympic Plaza and the National Music Centre to tiny bars and churches — with a Royal Canadian Legion or two thrown in.

So, who's coming? Here are of some highlights for what some consider it to be the coolest event of its type in the country:

• Feist, (a Calgary native, lest we forget) will play a big outdoor event a week from tonight.

• Alt-rock elder statesmen Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth), Steven Malkmus (Pavement), Lou Barlow (Sebadoh, Dinosaur Jr.) and Nomeansno.

• Shadowy Men on a Shadowy Planet (best known for their surf-rock theme, Having an Average Weekend aka the theme from The Kids in the Hall) will reunite for their first show in sixteen years.

• Andrew WK promises to keep partying hard with performances, DJing and motivational talks on (what else?) partying hard.

• Craig Finn will do double duty, performing solo and with his day job band, The Hold Steady.

• Past Polaris prize nominees, including The Sadies and Timber Timbre.

• Lots of super-hot indie bands: Yamantaka / Sonic Titan, Russian Circles, Young Empires, Shabazz Palaces and Parlovr.

By the way, my friend should know that Calgary has been designated the Cultural Capital of Canada for 2012. For full details, go to sledisland.com.

The evolutions of Sting

Q & A. Singer-songwriter sat down with Metro to discuss his iPad app, what he's listening to these days and the importance of philanthropy

SZONJA KRESINGER
Metro World News

Sting performs during the 2012 Concert for the Rainforest Fund at Carnegie Hall in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

Sting (born Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner) has donned many hats and experimented with myriad genres during his 35 years in the spotlight.

From his early days as the lead in the popular and ever-changing new wave band the Police, to a solo career incorporating everything from jazz to new age sounds, to the numerous humanitarian and environmental causes he has lent his celebrity status to, Sting is no stranger to exploring new paths.

Yet his most recent tour, Back to Bass, was something of a stripping down for the prolific artist where the path he took was the most basic one.

Having just come off the Symphonicity tour, performing arrangements of his songs with large orchestras, he wanted to do something simpler, an approach he's continuing during his current summer tour.

How did it feel to put your recent box set together, taking a look back at all these years?

I'm not a particularly nostalgic person, so initially, it was quite challenging for me to really look back when my instinct has always been to move forward. But I did feel it was worth taking some time to reflect, seeing what I had achieved in the past 25 years. I certainly had a good time living those 25 years, and it is a pretty significant milestone in my career. I thought if ever there was a suitable time to do a project like the box set, this was it.

Was there any song you wanted to include but finally dropped?

The most challenging part of the process was choosing the songs and inevitably, there were many that didn't end up on the box set. But asking me to pick my favourites would be like asking me to choose a favourite child! I love them all and each one is unique in their own way. That said, I'm very proud of the end result.

Do you plan a new studio album in the near future?

I don't really have a plan quite yet. I enjoy and appreciate the creative freedom I have, and the ability to do what interests me. I get bored pretty easily and so I always like to do something new and something that is hopefully surprising. I think my audience has come to expect that element of surprise.

So I'm really not sure what comes next, but expect the unexpected.

What types of artistic projects interest you the most?

Like I said, I always like to try something new. I can only do what I'm inspired to do. Right now, I'm working on a play for Broadway.

We're in the very early stages, but I've been writing a lot of music for that. It's completely new territory for me and it's quite exciting.

Why did you decide to have the Sting iPad app? Would you ever consider making music with the help of such gadgets like the iPad?

To me, it's important to embrace new technology and try to evolve with it. I look at the app as a new way of getting music to people.

It's very innovative, but at the same time it reminds me of the days where you'd purchase an album and get to enjoy all of the photos and liner notes, and really get a sense of how the album was made. That's missing in the digital age. In terms of making music with something like the iPad, I wouldn't rule it out. There's no way of anticipating where technology is going next.

Lisa Marie Presley. GETTY IMAGES

Lisa Marie Presley in Storm and Grace land

New music. Memphis singer's first album in seven years is a return to her Southern roots

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

Madonna, Gwyneth, Lisa Marie Presley: All-American girls gone Brit-crazy. For Presley, there's one particular aspect of being an Anglophile that she likes: the local pub.

"There are lots of pubs near where we live in Sussex, but there's one that's become my local," says Presley. "I love that I can walk in there and see everyone in the village. I never got that social aspect of it until I lived here. I love to go in and say hello to people. And I love Guinness."

The Memphis belle's first new album in seven years, the rootsy Americana set Storm and Grace, is being hailed as a return to her Southern roots, but after her last tour, five years ago, all Presley wanted was to ditch them.

"I didn't feel like doing much of anything for a while," she says. "I am a writer at heart. I felt that if I was in a different place and got rid of all the things I knew that I'd start writing again. I had to leave everyone and everything I knew behind in order to write."

Presley co-wrote the album in England with several contributors, including two Brits: Pulp guitarist Richard Hawley and Ed Harcourt, a brilliant melodicist and songwriter.

Top producer

Storm and Grace is produced by 12-time Grammy Award-winner T Bone Burnett, a master of Americana.

- **Quote.** "I am a fan of his work, he's done so many great records," says Presley, who manages enthusiastic praise without gushing. "I sent him some demos and I was really hoping he'd want to work with me. He got back to me so quickly. I was so happy to work with him."

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Redfoo, left, and Sky Blu of LMFAO HANDOUT

Expect some Party Rockin' Sunday night

LMFAO. Redfoo and Sky Blu are set to host the MuchMusic Video Awards this weekend

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"Party" and "rocks" are both words regularly used to describe the MuchMusic Video Awards. But the nation's music station decided to make it official this year by having party rocking experts LMFAO host their annual shindig on Sunday night.

Despite never having hosted an awards show, the duo — made up of Redfoo and Sky Blu — weren't the least bit surprised when the offer came their way. "I'm surprised more entities don't have us doing more of this stuff," says Redfoo, on the phone from the band's Houston stop on their current Party Rockin' Tour.

Based in Los Angeles, LMFAO (an acronym for Laughed My F*cking Ass Off) found fame via their brash mix of house beats, pop hooks, dance moves and an ostentatious wardrobe. Their stupidly catchy singles Party Rock Anthem and Sexy and I Know It both hit No. 1 in Canada and the U.S.

And while their sound and lyrics certainly have roots in club culture their crossover appeal is what they believe enticed Much into offering them the gig. "The demographic that they want to tune in is our same fan base," say Redfoo. "And especially now, with a lot of the kids listening to LMFAO and having fun with the videos, the parents now are fans."

The pair logged time riffing on camera for the Grammy's Red Carpet, but Redfoo says the MMVAs are a far more structured event. "Me and Sky are always on," he says, "we're always improving and having fun. That's what we do. So it's about capturing the best of that with some guidelines."

MuchMusic organizers have been in regular communication with the band, hammering out a script that allows the two musician's personalities to shine without derailing the show's momentum, or breaking CRTC rules. They're also doing their own research in preparation for the show. "There is certain inside Canadian humour," he says. "I have to learn these things. I'm on Wikipedia understanding where the maple syrup came from."

THE 2012 MMVAS RED CARPET SPECIAL STARTS SUNDAY AT 8 P.M. ET, FOLLOWED BY THE AWARDS SHOW AT 9 P.M. ET ON MUCHMUSIC AND FUSE.

Surrounded by superstars

Both Redfoo and Sky Blu have rock royalty in their bloodline.

- **Redfoo.** His real name is Stefan Gordy. He is the youngest son of Motown founder Berry Gordy.
- **Sky Blu (a.k.a Skyler Gordy).** He is Berry's grandson, making Stefan Skylar's uncle.
- **Jermaine Jackson.** The one-time Jackson 5 member and Michael's older brother, was once married to Stefan's older sister, Hazel, making the two brothers-in-law.

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'Most exciting part' of MMVAs

Marianas Trench arriving in a giant hamster ball at the 2011 MuchMusic Video Awards. RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The red carpet. The nation's music station prides itself on it unique approach to awards shows

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After the show there will be after parties. And after that, there may even be shenanigans in hotel lobbies. But the best way to rub elbows with celebrities at Sunday night's MuchMusic Video Awards is on the pre-show red carpet.

"With the red carpet show, you never know what's going to happen and that's the most exciting part," says Steve Jarman, the show's supervising producer.

The red carpet will overtake John St. between Queen and Richmond for the third time this year, a necessary change after the MMVAs themselves overtook the red carpet's former home on Queen St.

Exactly 6,450 feet of material will be laid down to handle the over 150 expected guests who'll walk along the space's namesake posing for photos and answering questions

"The red carpet is a huge celebration," says Jarman. "Its a chance for fans to get up close and personal with their favourite stars."

The nation's music station has always prided itself on its unique approach to awards shows, holding it in an office building and parking lot instead of a stuffy theatre to create a party atmosphere.

That attitude extends to the red carpet where flashy arrivals have become the rule rather than the exception. Ice Cream trucks, ambulances, even giant hamster balls have been used to deliver the stars to the party.

Unique transportation is generally discussed with organizers ahead of time. Jarman says organizers do their best to accommodate but sometimes, safety trumps spectacle, like the time one artist wanted to land a hot-air balloon on the street.

Planning started earlier this winter and weeks are spent hammering out a runsheet with guest's scheduled arrival times. But that runsheet often goes out the window within the first five minutes. And that's just fine with Jarman.

"We don't want to have just a regular red carpet show," he says. "Our show's a lot more about the party."

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This month in celebs who feel sorry for themselves...

Scarlett Johansson gets a lot of attention for her beauty, but it's not something she's exactly thrilled about.

"I don't like being labelled as 'the sexiest woman alive.' As an actress I prefer to maintain the anonymity," Johansson says in an interview with Grazia Italia.

And as for being a role model for other women? She'd rather not.

"There are so many wonderful women out there," Johansson says.

Russell Brand

Forget about Katy, it's the paperwork that stressed Russell out

Always the romantic, Russell Brand says the hardest part of divorcing Katy Perry has been all the paperwork.

"I suppose a divorce is difficult, isn't it? Because of the admin. There's a lot of admin," he tells the Mirror. Still, his 14-month marriage wasn't all bad: "Well, it did work out in a way because you are married for some time, and that's really good, and then you're not married, and that's really good. You just have to have acceptance of things," Brand says.

So how does he find this acceptance so easily?

"I don't want to sound like a lunatic, but if you meditate and do yoga you become attuned to that there is different energy that's constant and very, very beautiful," he insists.

"Some people would call it God, some people would call it karma or the cosmos. Me, I call it sexual charisma."

Baldwin set to marry again

Alec Baldwin and fiancé Hilaria Thomas have reportedly set the date of June 30 for their wedding, according to the New York Post.

"This wasn't a quick decision. It took a lot of planning," a source says. The ceremony will reportedly be a full Catholic wedding at the Bascilla of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in downtown New York. Baldwin is allowed to get married in the church this time because his first marriage — to Kim Basinger in 1993 — didn't take place in a house of worship. The pair were married on a beach in the Hamptons.

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The Word

The swag don't match the sweaters

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At first, things seemed pretty nice and tidy with the Chris Brown and Drake brawl that broke out early Thursday morning at Manhattan nightclub W.i.P.

Both hip-hop stars have dated Rihanna in the past, both have a habit of gossiping in pop songs, and one has a history of anger management problems: Case closed.

But now, Drake's people are telling TMZ that the rapper wasn't responsible for the gash on Chris Brown's face that popped up on Twitter Thursday morning.

"Drake did not participate in any wrongdoing of any kind last night at W.i.P," his rep tells the site. "He was on his way out of the club when the altercation began."

Another source claims that Philly rapper Meek Mill was the one with the problem, and hit Brown with a bottle after a shouting match. No arrests were made, and all of the boldface names were gone by the time police arrived sometime after 4 a.m.

Brown, for one, seems to back up at least the bottle part. His Twitter feed has since been airbrushed by publicists, but at one point after the incident read, "How u party wit rich n**** that hate? Lol... Throwing bottles like girls? #shameonya!"

Well, someone is certainly getting left out of the Cheesecake Factory mall trip this weekend. As soon as a nasty note surfaces on the bathroom wall, we're going to call it: Lamest hip-hop fight ever.

Courteney Cox and David Arquette. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Talk about a friendly divorce: No prenup for Cox, Arquette

In possibly the most amicable split in Hollywood history, Courteney Cox reportedly filed her divorce paper the same day as soon-to-be ex-husband David Arquette, also citing irreconcilable differences, according to TMZ.

Like Arquette, Cox is seeking joint custody of their daughter and no spousal support, and she will represent herself in the proceedings.

The biggest discovery is that the couple, married for 11 years before separating in 2010, did not have a prenup, so all of their community property will be divided equally.

Cox is worth a reported $75 million, while Arquette is said to be worth $18 million.

No doesn't mean no for Jake

Jake Gyllenhaal is nothing if not persistent. Though Minka Kelly reportedly turned him down flat when he asked her out last fall, the pair apparently did eventually go out a few times recently, according to Us Weekly.

"Minka wasn't into Jake when he first pursued her," a source says, explaining that the actress "decided to give Jake another chance" after her romance with Wilmer Valderrama fizzled out.

But it looks like things between Gyllenhaal and Kelly didn't last, either: "It was never serious, and it's over now," the source says.

Twitter

@Rihanna
Nonsense! I'm not sick! I pushed my trip to London back to go spend time with my family! Sorry kiddos

@joelmchale
During my flight back the 12 yr old girl sitting in front of me watched the original "The Thing" from 1951. I'm in awe of her cool.

@DAVID_LYNCH
Dear Twitter Friends, in your opinion, is America a good country or a bad country? Is America changing for the better or the worse?

@ElizabethBanks
Is everybody as bummed as me that John Malkovich's best friend seems to be Siri?

3 LIFE

Safety first

Cooking to perfection

- Use an instant-read thermometer to check if meat is finished rather than cutting into it because the natural juices will escape.
- Cook food thoroughly — cooking times and temperatures vary for different meat and poultry.
- Whole poultry should be fully cooked at 82 C (180 F), burgers at a minimum of 71 C (160 F) and beef, veal and lamb roasts and steaks can vary from 63 C (145 F) for medium-rare to 77 C (170 F) for well done.
- When cooking in advance, divide large portions of food into small, shallow containers for refrigeration to ensure safe, rapid cooling.
- Keep cold food cold and hot food hot until it's served. You can keep cooked meats hot by setting them to the side or upper tray of the barbecue grill.
- The refrigerator should be set at 4 C (40 F) or colder and the freezer at -18 C (0 F) or colder.

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On the web

Clean, cook, separate and chill to keep family, friends safe during grilling season

Liquid Assets

Give pops something strong — just like him

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My dad isn't much of a drinker. He's more of a six-pack of beer a year and a sip of wine if the occasion insists type than a trained professional like me.

He does have a slight liquid Achilles' heel when it comes to single malt scotch though, which makes Father's Day gifting a no brainer.

Not a blend of different whiskies, single malts are made from a single grain (barley) and a single water source by a single distillery. All that singularity means a glass of this style of scotch comes jam packed with personality, some of which can be pretty over the top.

Islay is Scotland's southernmost island and its small group of distilleries creates the most aggressive whiskies in the world.

Laphroaig 10 Year Old ($70.20 - $84.99) is arguably the nastiest (in a good way). Boozy and medicinal with a pounding palate of peat, iodine and a touch of sea spray; it's a rambunctious malt that may pose a challenge for those who prefer lighter whiskies.

Here's a tip: Try adding a splash of spring water to your next glass of single malt. It helps round out the forward flavours and accentuates the aromas.

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Surprise dad with your skills on the grill

Mesquite-Grilled Cheeseburgers with Warm Chipotle Salsa.

These aren't your typical barbecue bites

The basic two-zone fire is an efficient charcoal arrangement for a wide variety of foods. It combines both direct heat (where the food cooks directly above the coals) and indirect heat (where the foods cook above and to the side of the coals).

1. In a large bowl, gently combine beef, cumin, pepper and 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) salt. Shape into 4 patties of equal size, each about 2 cm (3/4 inch) thick. With your thumb or the back of a spoon, make a shallow indentation about 2.5 cm (1 inch) wide in the centre of each patty. This will help the patties cook evenly and prevent them from puffing on the grill. Cover and refrigerate until ready to cook.

2. Prepare a two-zone fire for high heat (230 C/450 F to 290 C/550 F).

3. In a medium skillet over medium heat, warm 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil. Add onion and garlic and cook until onion is tender, about 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a medium bowl. Brush tomatoes with remaining 30 ml (1 tbsp) of oil.

4. Brush cooking grate clean. Drain and add half of the wood chips to the charcoal and put the lid on the grill. When smoke appears, place tomato halves, cut side up, over indirect high heat. Close lid and cook until tomato juices are bubbling and the skins split, about 12 minutes. Remove from grill. Remove and discard tomato skins and roughly chop tomatoes. Add tomatoes, cilantro, chili and lime juice to onion mixture. Season with salt. Set aside.

5. Drain and add remaining wood chips to charcoal and put lid on the grill. When wood starts to smoke, cook patties over direct high heat, with lid closed as much as possible, until cooked to medium doneness, 8 to 10 minutes, turning once. During the last minute of cooking time, place a slice of cheese on each patty to melt and toast the rolls, cut side down. Remove from grill and build each burger with the salsa. Serve warm.

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Ingredients

4 portions
Ideal grill: Charcoal
Smoke intensity: Strong
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) ground chuck (80 per cent lean)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) ground cumin
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) ground black pepper
- Kosher salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 4 plum tomatoes, each cut in half lengthwise
- 2 large handfuls mesquite wood chips, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 canned chipotle chili pep per in adobo sauce, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh lime juice
- 4 slices smoked cheddar or smoked Gouda cheese, each about 30 g (1 oz)
- 4 hamburger rolls

This recipe makes four burgers. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Lay this Honey Pilsner Glaze on thick

The glaze is great for chicken. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

This Honey Pilsner Glaze can be used as a marinade, glaze or condiment.

It was created by Steve Adams, who has led his competition barbecue team, Team Cedar Grilling, to victory for three consecutive years.

The team represented Canada at the Jack Daniels' World Championships in Lynchburg, Tenn.

Here are some serving suggestions for the glaze.

- Use it to coat a roast ham in the last hour of cooking. You can add pineapple or raisins to the glaze for this use, if desired.
- Use it as a condiment on grilled sausage, hamburgers, hot dogs or sandwiches.
- Place the glaze in a non-reactive bowl, keeping some aside in a separate bowl for serving. Marinate chicken pieces or wings for one to two hours in the refrigerator. Grill over indirect heat until cooked. Serve glaze on the side

1. In a saucepan, combine all ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and set aside.

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Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pilsner
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) brown sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) yellow mustard
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) garlic powder
- Freshly ground pepper

Golf

Tiger on the hunt at U.S. Open

Any comfort Michael Thompson took looking up at the leaderboard at the Olympic Club and finally seeing his name at the top fizzled fast when he saw the player one spot below.

Tiger Woods.

Thompson shot a 4-under 66 in the first round of the U.S. Open on Thursday, taking a three-shot lead in the clubhouse over the hard-charging Woods and David Toms.

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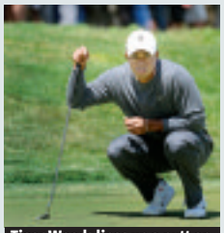

Tiger Woods lines up a putt on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Cycling

Armstrong takes action against latest allegations

Lance Armstrong is gearing up for a fight over the latest round of doping allegations.

Armstrong's lawyers demanded access to evidence gathered by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, including test results and the names of witnesses who said they saw the seven-time Tour de France champion use performance-enhancing drugs.

Armstrong has until June 22 to respond in writing to the fresh allegations, the first step of what could be a months-long process.

"I'm exploring all my options," Armstrong said in a telephone interview on Thursday with The Associated Press from Paris.

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Spain's Fernando Torres scores past Ireland goalkeeper Shay Given on Thursday in Gdansk, Poland. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Luck turns Torres' way against Ireland

Euro 2012. Striker nets two as Spain earns share of group lead and ends Irish hope

Fernando Torres scored a goal in each half Thursday to give Spain a 4-0 win over Ireland and eliminate the Irish from the European Championship.

David Silva and substitute Cesc Fabregas also scored second-half goals as the defending champions improved to four points in Group C, the same as co-leader Croatia.

Spain dominated the tempo and scoring opportunities, taking 26 shots and putting the team on course for a spot in the quarter-finals.

Group C

Spain	Ireland
4	0

Torres, who scored in the Euro 2008 final, put Spain ahead early after dispossessing Richard Dunne inside the area and scurrying past Stephen Ward before sending an angled shot over goalkeeper Shay Given in the fourth minute.

"We wanted to win, to make a better impression than we did against Italy," said Torres, who became Spain's third all-time leading scorer with 30 goals in 95 appearances. "The performance of the team was really good. It was great." Torres started over Fabregas as the World Cup champions fielded a traditional striker after the attack was led by six midfielders against the Italians.

The goal marked the start of Spain's assault on the Irish, who had started well with Simon Cox forcing Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas into a tricky save in only the second minute.

"Unfortunately the goal for the second time after three minutes throws your tactical plan out the window," said Ireland coach Giovanni Trapattoni, whose team also conceded early in a 3-1 loss to Croatia.

But Spain's passing only got better, leaving Ireland in a constant chase. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy-Croatia

The Italians let a first-half lead slip away against Croatia for a 1-1 draw on Thursday, and now may need help to advance to the quarter-finals.

- Andrea Pirlo gave the Italians the lead with a curving free kick in the 39th minute, but Mario Mandzukic was left unmarked to equalize for Croatia in the 72nd.

Italy's Andrea Pirlo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

Soccer

"All sports fall into a rhythm, and at the moment our team is in a good rhythm with balance and in team spirit."

Canadian men's soccer team head coach Stephen Hart on Thursday. Canada is riding the momentum of taking four of six possible points in two World Cup qualifiers.

The victories, a spirited 1-0 win in Cuba and 0-0 home draw against Honduras, has placed Canada second in CONCACAF Group C, trailing Panama, which has collected six points in two matches.

Now Canada sits idle before resuming the quest for a Brazil 2014 berth with a match in Toronto against Panama on Sept. 7.

On the web

Joe Torre will call the shots from the dugout once again. The 71-year-old, who led the New York Yankees to four championships, will manage the United States at the next World Baseball Classic. Scan the code for the story.

Crossword

Across

1 Cain's victim
5 Regis and Kelly's network
8 San —, CA
12 Foundation
13 Drench
14 — and crafts
15 Greek vowels
16 "OK" gesture
18 To this point
20 Black wood
21 "— the ramparts ..."
22 Dollar bill
23 Pickling solution
26 "Pulp Fiction" actress
30 Fond du —, Wisc.
31 Scenery chewer
32 "Little Women" woman
33 Bambi's rabbit friend
36 Type of poem
38 Sweet potato
39 Additionally
40 Wound souvenirs
43 Lightning accompaniment
47 Thanksgiving, e.g.
49 Race-driver Earnhardt
50 Hippocratic —
51 Branch
52 Historic times
53 Experts
54 Buck's mate
55 Landlord's due

Down

1 Help with a crime
2 Shower alternative
3 Birthright barterer
4 Textbook segment
5 "When You Wish Upon —"
6 Physicist Niels
7 PC processor
8 Talk on and on
9 Approximately
10 Dazzle
11 Catch sight of
17 Waiter's handout
19 Retainer
22 Resistance measure
23 Sandwich order, for short
24 Cheery remark?
25 Hosp. section
26 Pitch
27 Scratch
28 Parisian's pal
29 Big Apple abbr.
31 Height of fashion?
34 Aromatic resins
35 Get a good grade
36 Reed or Rawls
37 There
39 Rosemary's partner
40 Halt
41 Burn somewhat
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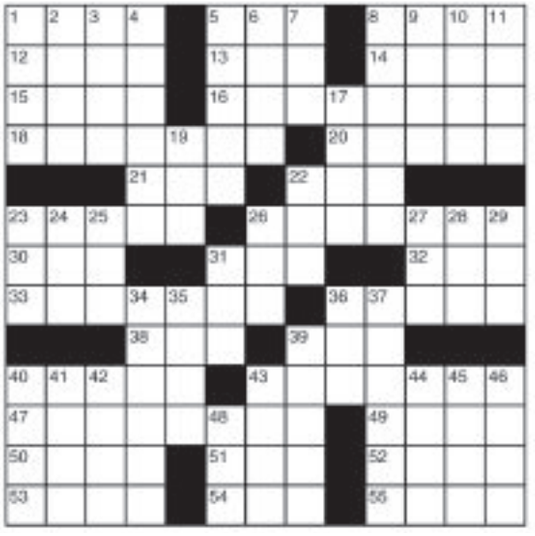
44 Challenge
45 Verve
46 Whatever's left over
48 Old man



Sudoku

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5					3			
9								3

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	6	1	2	5	3	7	8
7	1	5	3	8	6	4	2	9
3	8	2	9	4	7	5	6	1
2	7	8	6	5	3	1	9	4
6	5	3	4	9	1	2	8	7
9	4	1	2	7	8	6	3	5
8	3	7	5	6	4	9	1	2
5	6	9	7	1	2	8	4	3
1	2	4	8	3	9	7	5	6

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

NWCQ ETI MT QTK NFQ D NCFXWK-UTVV ZTQKCVK, ZTIUM ETI VDE ETI NCAC GCDKCQ GE D VUFL LDAXFQ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF EMPLOYEES PAUSE TO TAKE SOME REFRESHING SIPS OF SODA, MIGHT THEY BE DRINKING BREAK FLUID?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals Y

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. No doubt you have big plans and no doubt you are going places but keep a sense of perspective.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You won't lack confidence today but will you match it with common sense? If you don't, you could find that something you expected to go right goes wrong at the last minute.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will be inspired to try something new today. Whether your sense of adventure is a good thing remains to be seen.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. What you need today is a fresh way of looking at the world around you, and the only way to get that is to ask people for their opinions. Will your ego allow it? It should.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You are sure to have a brilliant idea today but you would be wise to get a second opinion before you put it into effect.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. There is no limit to what you can achieve now but there is a danger that you will take too much for granted and make a silly mistake.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. A lot of things don't seem to make much sense at the moment but does it matter? Life is and always will be a mystery. That's what makes it interesting.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may have something worthwhile to say but that does not mean everyone you interact with is going to believe you, or even want to hear your message.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You may not be thinking clearly at the moment. So, if there are decisions to be made wait until the Sun changes signs on the 20th.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You know what you want and your confidence is such that the thought of failure has not crossed your mind. That's good. Keep believing.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Do you keep your plans to yourself or do you let everyone know about them? If you are smart, you won't give too much away.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Some of the ideas you come up with today and over the weekend will be remarkable even by your superior standards.

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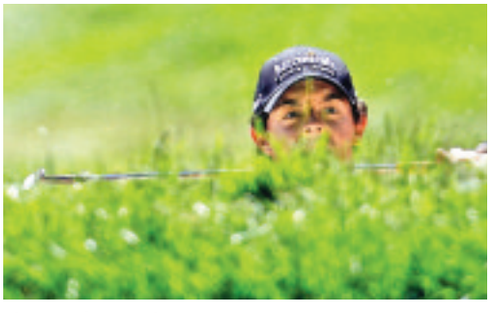

Caption Contest

"Now this is a divot!"
Jeff

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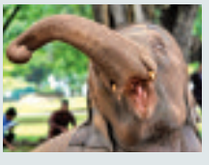

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